



# Peterborough, NH

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## Municipal Office Hours

**Monday through Friday, 8 am - 4:30 pm**

County  
 Labor Market Area  
 Tourism Region  
 Planning Commission  
 Regional Development

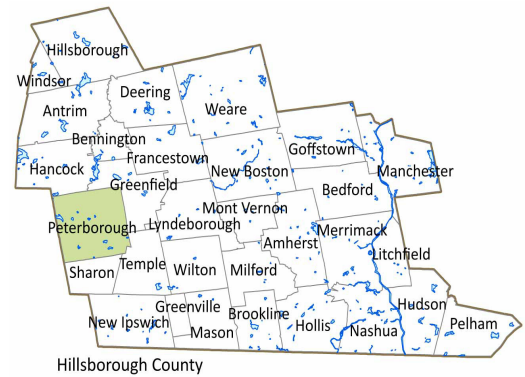
**Hillsborough**  
**Peterborough NH LMA**  
**Monadnock**  
**Southwest Region**  
**Monadnock Economic Development Corp.**

Election Districts  
 US Congress  
 Executive Council  
 State Senate  
 State Representative

**District 2**  
**District 5**  
**District 9**  
**Hillsborough County District 24**

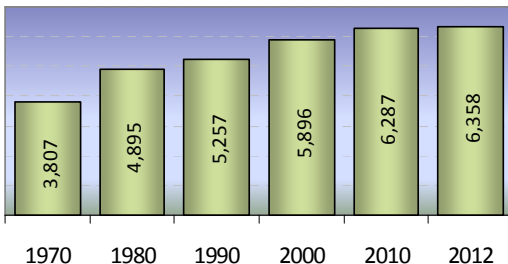
**Incorporated: 1760**

**Origin:** This territory was chartered in 1737 by the Massachusetts legislature, and the first settlers arrived in 1739. The township was probably named from Charles Mordaunt, third Earl of Peterborough. Peterborough was incorporated in 1760 by Governor Benning Wentworth, with "continuance for two years only." The incorporation was renewed in 1762, to continue until disallowed by the King. Peterborough had the first free public library supported by taxation, and the first mill in the state that wove cloth mechanically. It is home to the MacDowell Colony, a retreat for writers, artists, and composers. Guests have included Edward Arlington Robinson, Leonard Bernstein, and Thornton Wilder, whose play "Our Town" was inspired by Peterborough.



**Villages and Place Names:** Drury, Happy Valley, MacDowell Colony, Noone, North Village, West Peterborough

**Population, Year of the First Census Taken:** 861 residents in 1790



**Population Trends:** Population change for Peterborough totaled 3,395 over 52 years, from 2,963 in 1960 to 6,358 in 2012. The largest decennial percent change was a 29 percent increase between 1970 and 1980, which followed a 28 percent increase over the previous decade. The 2012 Census estimate for Peterborough was 6,358 residents, which ranked 51st among New Hampshire's incorporated cities and towns.

**Population Density and Land Area, 2010 (US Census Bureau):** 166.6 persons per square mile of land area. Peterborough contains 37.7 square miles of land area and 0.4 square miles of inland water area.

MUNICIPAL SERVICES			
Type of Government		Selectmen	
Budget: Municipal Appropriations, 2013		\$13,594,586	
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Zoning Ordinance		1970/12	
Master Plan		2012	
Capital Improvement Plan		Yes	
Industrial Plans Reviewed By		Planning Board	
Boards and Commissions			
Elected:	Selectmen; Planning; Library; Zoning; Budget; Recreation; Cemetery		
Appointed:	Conservation; Agricultural; Heritage; Capital Improvement; Economic Development; Master Plan; Greater Downtown TIF Advisory; West Peterborough TIF Advisory; Monadnock Community Healthcare TIF Advisory; Parks; Open Space; Water Resources; Fence Viewers		
Public Library	Peterborough Town		
EMERGENCY SERVICES			
Police Department		Full-time	
Fire Department		Full & part-time	
Emergency Medical Service		Per Diem	
Nearest Hospital(s)		Distance	Staffed Beds
Monadnock Community, Peterborough		Local	25
UTILITIES			
Electric Supplier		PSNH	
Natural Gas Supplier		None	
Water Supplier		Peterborough Water Works	
Sanitation		Municipal	
Municipal Wastewater Treatment Plant		Yes	
Solid Waste Disposal			
Curbside Trash Pickup		None	
Pay-As-You-Throw Program		Yes	
Recycling Program		Mandatory	
Telephone Company		Fairpoint	
Cellular Telephone Access		Yes	
Cable Television Access		Yes	
Public Access Television Station		Yes	
High Speed Internet Service:	Business	Limited	
	Residential	Limited	
PROPERTY TAXES		(NH Dept. of Revenue Administration)	
2012 Total Tax Rate (per \$1000 of value)		\$28.39	
2012 Equalization Ratio		100.0	
2012 Full Value Tax Rate (per \$1000 of value)		\$27.43	
2012 Percent of Local Assessed Valuation by Property Type			
Residential Land and Buildings		76.3%	
Commercial Land and Buildings		21.8%	
Public Utilities, Current Use, and Other		1.8%	
HOUSING		(ACS 2007-2011)	
Total Housing Units		3,065	
Single-Family Units, Detached or Attached		2,044	
Units in Multiple-Family Structures:			
Two to Four Units in Structure		536	
Five or More Units in Structure		485	
Mobile Homes and Other Housing Units			

DEMOGRAPHICS		(US Census Bureau)	
Total Population		Community	County
2012	6,358		402,922
2010	6,284		400,721
2000	5,896		382,384
1990	5,257		336,549
1980	4,895		276,608
1970	3,807		223,941
Demographics, American Community Survey (ACS) 2007-2011			
Population by Gender			
Male	2,845	Female	3,424
Population by Age Group			
Under age 5			280
Age 5 to 19			1,089
Age 20 to 34			666
Age 35 to 54			1,706
Age 55 to 64			1,078
Age 65 and over			1,450
Median Age			48.6 years
Educational Attainment, population 25 years and over			
High school graduate or higher			94.2%
Bachelor's degree or higher			57.4%
INCOME, INFLATION ADJUSTED \$		(ACS 2007-2011)	
Per capita income			\$39,520
Median 4-person family income			\$91,601
Median household income			\$68,469
Median Earnings, full-time, year-round workers			
Male			\$59,444
Female			\$38,004
Families below the poverty level			2.3%
LABOR FORCE		(NHES – ELMI)	
Annual Average	2002		2012
Civilian labor force	2,820		2,943
Employed	2,710		2,790
Unemployed	110		153
Unemployment rate	3.9%		5.2%
EMPLOYMENT & WAGES		(NHES – ELMI)	
Annual Average Covered Employment	2002		2012
Goods Producing Industries			
Average Employment	994		845
Average Weekly Wage	\$ 726		\$ 991
Service Providing Industries			
Average Employment	3,421		3,171
Average Weekly Wage	\$ 601		\$ 810
Total Private Industry			
Average Employment	4,415		4,016
Average Weekly Wage	\$ 629		\$ 848
Government (Federal, State, and Local)			
Average Employment	600		611
Average Weekly Wage	\$ 688		\$ 841
Total, Private Industry plus Government			
Average Employment	5,014		4,627
Average Weekly Wage	\$ 636		\$ 847
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**EDUCATION AND CHILD CARE**

Schools students attend: **Grades K-12 are part of Contoocook Valley Cooperative (Antrim, Bennington, Dublin, Frankestown, Greenfield, Hancock, Peterborough, Sharon, Temple)** District: **SAU 1**

Career Technology Center(s): **Region 14 Applied Technology Center, Peterborough** Region: **14**

Educational Facilities (includes Charter Schools)	Elementary	Middle/Junior High	High School	Private/Parochial
Number of Schools	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>
Grade Levels	<b>K 1-4</b>	<b>5-8</b>	<b>9-12</b>	<b>P K 1-12</b>
Total Enrollment	<b>261</b>	<b>441</b>	<b>845</b>	<b>134</b>

Nearest Community College: **Nashua**

Nearest Colleges or Universities: **Franklin Pierce University; Keene State; Antioch New England**

2012 NH Licensed Child Care Facilities (DHHS-Bureau of Child Care Licensing) Total Facilities: **7** Total Capacity: **346**

LARGEST BUSINESSES	PRODUCT/SERVICE	EMPLOYEES	ESTABLISHED
Monadnock Community Hospital	Health care services	668	1919
NH Ball Bearings	Precision bearings	550	1946
Peterborough Public School System	Education	272	
Staff Development for Educators	Educational seminars	170	1986
Rivermead	Retirement community	160	1995
Eastern Mountain Sports	Outdoor equipment and clothing	130	1967
Millard Group Inc.	Mailing list brokerage	130	1987
Pheasant Wood Health Care	Nursing home	100	

**TRANSPORTATION** (*distances estimated from city/town hall*)

Road Access	US Routes	<b>202</b>
	State Routes	<b>101, 123, 136</b>
Nearest Interstate, Exit	<b>Everett Tpk., Exits 7 - 8; I-89, Exit 5</b>	
	Distance	<b>27 miles; 33 miles</b>
Railroad		<b>No</b>
Public Transportation		<b>No</b>
Nearest Public Use Airport, General Aviation		
<b>Jaffrey - Silver Ranch</b>	Runway	<b>2,982 ft. asphalt</b>
Lighted? <b>Yes</b>	Navigation Aids?	<b>Yes</b>
Nearest Airport with Scheduled Service		
<b>Manchester-Boston Regional</b>	Distance	<b>38 miles</b>
Number of Passenger Airlines Serving Airport		<b>4</b>
Driving distance to select cities:		
Manchester, NH		<b>36 miles</b>
Portland, Maine		<b>132 miles</b>
Boston, Mass.		<b>73 miles</b>
New York City, NY		<b>241 miles</b>
Montreal, Quebec		<b>269 miles</b>

**COMMUTING TO WORK** (*ACS 2007-2011*)

Workers 16 years and over	
Drove alone, car/truck/van	<b>81.1%</b>
Carpooled, car/truck/van	<b>6.1%</b>
Public transportation	<b>0.4%</b>
Walked	<b>3.1%</b>
Other means	<b>1.6%</b>
Worked at home	<b>7.8%</b>
Mean Travel Time to Work	<b>23.6 minutes</b>

**Percent of Working Residents: ACS 2007-2011**

Working in community of residence	<b>75.4</b>
Commuting to another NH community	<b>19.3</b>
Commuting out-of-state	<b>5.2</b>

**RECREATION, ATTRACTIONS, AND EVENTS**

<b>X</b>	Municipal Parks
	YMCA/YWCA
	Boys Club/Girls Club
<b>X</b>	Golf Courses
	Swimming: Indoor Facility
<b>X</b>	Swimming: Outdoor Facility
<b>X</b>	Tennis Courts: Indoor Facility
<b>X</b>	Tennis Courts: Outdoor Facility
	Ice Skating Rink: Indoor Facility
<b>X</b>	Bowling Facilities
<b>X</b>	Museums
<b>X</b>	Cinemas
<b>X</b>	Performing Arts Facilities
<b>X</b>	Tourist Attractions
<b>X</b>	Youth Organizations (i.e., Scouts, 4-H)
<b>X</b>	Youth Sports: Baseball
<b>X</b>	Youth Sports: Soccer
<b>X</b>	Youth Sports: Football
<b>X</b>	Youth Sports: Basketball
<b>X</b>	Youth Sports: Hockey
	Campgrounds
<b>X</b>	Fishing/Hunting
	Boating/Marinas
	Snowmobile Trails
<b>X</b>	Bicycle Trails
<b>X</b>	Cross Country Skiing
<b>X</b>	Beach or Waterfront Recreation Area
	Overnight or Day Camps
	Nearest Ski Area(s): <b>Mount Sunapee, Crotched Mountain</b>
	Other: <b>Miller State Park; MacDowell Colony; Shieling State Forest; Mount Monadnock</b>